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Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200
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POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

RE: Docket No. RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners:

We join the National Catholic Development Conference (NCDC), the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, and the nonprofit mailing community in urging you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates several times the rate of inflation. Increases that are estimated to reach 7 percent a year, or 40 percent compounded for five years, will not reform the United States Postal Service and will have a major negative impact on both the agency and its customers.

As a nonprofit, we rely on mail for the majority of our fundraising. But we operate on a limited, fixed fundraising budget each year, so if postage goes up as much as you contemplate, we will be forced to greatly reduce our mailings. This will have a disastrous impact on our revenue and our mission.

Our mission is to provide religious and spiritual support for those we serve including especially the poor, those in hospitals, those in prison, and our mission work to the poor in Northern Mexico.

Postage increases totaling 40 percent over the next five years will have the following impact on our mission and the people we serve, it will limit our ability to solicit assistance from donors and benefactors thereby will reduce the amount of resources we have to devote to our mission.

Please do the right thing and reconsider your proposal.

Sincerely,

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